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In re : Application of Roesgen
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CIRCUMFERENTIAL AND MERIDIONAL RIGIDITY**
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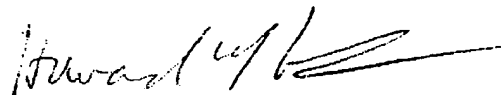
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Attached is an Amendment for the referenced application filed in response to the Final Office Action dated October 17, 2002 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire in three months or on January 17, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1725.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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This is in response to the Final Office Action dated October 17, 2002 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire in three months or on January 17, 2002. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

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PCEIN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1 with the replacement claim 1 hereinbelow. Please cancel claim 6, 7 and 10-14. Claims 15-20 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention.

A full set of claims is presented herewith:

51317 (THRICE AMENDED) A pneumatic radial ply runflat tire comprising a tread, two insert reinforced sidewalls, two inextensible annular beads, a radial ply structure having one or more radial plies, and a belt structure located between the tread and the radial ply structure, the runflat tire characterized by:

C1 a fabric underlay deployed between the belt structure and the radial ply structure for supporting tensile loads during both normal-inflated and runflat operating conditions, the fabric underlay comprising high-modulus reinforcing cords being aligned at a cord angle of about 0 degrees to 5 degrees with respect to the equatorial plane of the tire, the fabric underlay being a